

Senate Study Bill 3081 - Introduced

SENATE FILE _____
BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE ON
LOCAL GOVERNMENT BILL BY
CHAIRPERSON WILHELM)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act restricting the regulatory authority of the Iowa
2 utilities board with regard to the deposit and debt
3 collection policies of municipal utilities.
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 476.1B, subsection 1, paragraph e, Code
2 2014, is amended to read as follows:

3 e. Disconnection of service, as set forth in section 476.20,
4 other than in connection with deposit and debt collection
5 policies and practices.

6 Sec. 2. Section 476.20, subsection 5, paragraph a,
7 unnumbered paragraph 1, Code 2014, is amended to read as
8 follows:

9 The board shall establish rules which shall be uniform with
10 respect to all public utilities furnishing gas or electricity,
11 other than municipal utilities as provided in section 476.1B,
12 relating to deposits which may be required by the public
13 utility for the initiation or reinstatement of service.

14 EXPLANATION

15 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
16 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

17 This bill relates to the regulatory authority of the Iowa
18 utilities board with regard to municipal utility disconnection
19 procedures.

20 Currently, Code section 476.1B provides that a municipally
21 owned utility is not subject to regulation by the Iowa
22 utilities board, subject to certain specified exceptions. One
23 such exception is with regard to disconnection of service, as
24 provided in Code section 476.20.

25 The bill modifies this provision to provide that a
26 municipally owned utility is subject to regulatory action
27 pertaining to disconnection of service, other than in
28 connection with deposit and debt collection policies and
29 practices. The bill makes a corresponding change in Code
30 section 476.20 to specify that the disconnection provisions
31 contained therein do not apply to municipally owned utilities.